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The Honorable Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554



The Destek Group, Inc.
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RE: *Application by Verizon New England and Verizon Delaware for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in New Hampshire and Delaware Docket 02-157.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I was very disappointed to learn last week (8/8/02) that Verizon's 271 Application for New Hampshire had moved so far forward, and that the Department of Justice (DOJ) had already approved it. As an intervener in New Hampshire Public Utility Commission's (NHPUC) review of the application I closely followed developments in the process and made an oral presentation before the Commission objecting to the approval of the application.

After reviewing the comments filed on the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), I was further disappointed by the fact that my presentation to the NHPUC and the presentations made by others in the Oral Arguments Hearing at the NHPUC were not included at all in the FCC record.

I can relate to the difficulty faced by the FCC and the DOJ in assessing the competitive conditions and openness of the market at the state level, but without benefit of the full and complete record from that state, I would have to assert that it is absolutely impossible to conduct a complete evaluation and to provide a fair ruling on this application.

The amount of information that has escaped the review process, regarding Verizon's anti-competitive behavior and predatory tactics is overwhelming, and the unheard evidence of their misuse of monopoly power and wealth to influence the political and regulatory processes in NH, is outrageous.

I respectfully ask that my presentation to the NHPUC (attachment 1) and an article that appeared in a prominent New Hampshire newspaper (Union Leader 5/8/02; attachment 2) be officially added to the record in Docket 02-157. Together, they provide a small sample of the facts that should be seriously considered in the assessment of whether Verizon has truly opened the New Hampshire telecommunications market to competition.

Sincerely,

Brian Susnock
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The Destek Group, Inc.

Attachments